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Verbatim Text

Subject concurrence GOV, Defense Dept proposes issue following press

release after public announcement by GOV participation quarantine

Venezuelan military forces:

QUOTE As announced by the Government of Venezuela, the Venezuelan destroyers

ZULIA and NUEVA ESPARTA are joining the combined forces conducting

quarantine operations in the Caribbean area initiated pursuant to the

October 23 Resolution of the OAS Organ of Consultation. These ships

will conduct such quarantine operations in coordination with naval units

of other Latin American countries and the United States under the

operational control of Rear Admiral John A. Tyree, Jr., ^{U.S.N.} Commander, of the Combined Quarantine Force

~~South Atlantic Force CONSOLIDATE~~. A Venezuelan Naval officer also will

occupy a position on the staff of ~~CONSOLIDATE~~ the Combined Force. UNQUOTE

The ~~Combined Force~~ ^{Combined Force} is now comprised of naval units from

Argentina, Dominican Republic, ~~the United States and Venezuela~~ ^{Venezuela and the United States.}

FYI - Cooperation of Venezuelan Air Force not mentioned because

units are still under Venezuelan command. If Venezuelan aircraft

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eventually assigned to CONSOLANT, their participation in joint operation can be given separate press treatment. EMB-PH.

For Port-of-Spain: Emb should request GOVT to give no publicity arrival publicly
Venezuelan Naval units until publicity announced by GOV.

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